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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS:

Subject: Distribution of Captured German Documents

1. Attached memorandum from Intelligence Division, WDGS, subject as above is furnished for your information and comment or concurrence.
2. It is hoped that it will be acceptable to you. It was the best we could get out of them without making an issue requiring a settlement at top level, which is believed inadvisable at this time.
3. It is believed that if they live up to their stated plan of procedure, we shall gain more than we lose. The proposed preliminary segregation, translated synopses and speedy transmission of documents of unusual military intelligence interest will save CIG considerable time, even though G-2 reserves the privilege of having first crack at such documents. Suggest we give this procedure a fair trial.

/s

Captain, U. S. N.
Acting Chief, ICAPS

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Cpy. Memo sa. subj.,
dtd 23 May '47 fr. Ennis
G-2, to DCI

To: Chief, ICAPS

1st Ind.

9 June 1947

From: Assistant Director for Operations

1. This office is willing to give this system a trial as suggested above.

2. However and for the record within CIG, we object to the WD's position because:

a. It is hard to conceive of any captured documents having "immediate operational interest."

b. If this system were adopted by other member agencies,

our Documents Branch would deal only in stuff of minor interest and our common service would be of limited value.

- g. ID, WDGS entered into an agreement with CIG and by unilateral secretive action arranged to "have their cake and eat it too" -- or at least the frosting! We discovered this action to their surprise and embarrassment. We at least should make it a matter of record in case we need it as ammunition in the future.

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23 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:
ATTN: ICAPS

SUBJECT: Disposition of Captured German Documents

In reference to a recent conference held with [redacted] 50X1
your office, relative to captured German documents, the following is the
procedure which it is planned will be followed in the disposition of
captured documents:

1. On 1 June 1947 the custody of captured documents will be
transferred from the Intelligence Division, War Department to the Adjutant
General.

2. With the exception of paragraph 3 below, all future
shipments of captured documents from the European Theater will be sent to
the Adjutant General.

3. Individual documents containing unusual intelligence of
military interests will be forwarded to Intelligence Division, WDGS as
follows:

a. Each document will be accompanied by two (2) copies
of a synopsis in English, one copy of which will be forwarded immediately
by the Intelligence Division to the Central Intelligence Group.

b. Only those documents of immediate operational interest
will be retained by the Intelligence Division; all others will be forwarded
to the Adjutant General. Those documents retained by Intelligence Division
will be forwarded to The Adjutant General immediately upon completion of
their exploitation.

c. Central Intelligence Group will be notified in event
any individual document is desired for retention by the Intelligence Division
for longer than seven (7) days.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

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Colonel, GSC
Chief, Intelligence Group